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| Millender-    | Ramstad       | Spence      |
| McDonald      | Rangel        | Spratt      |
| Miller (CA)   | Regula        | Stabenow    |
| Miller (FL)   | Reyes         | Stark       |
| Minge         | Riggs         | Stearns     |
| Mink          | Riley         | Stenholm    |
| Moakley       | Rivers        | Stokes      |
| Molinari      | Rodriguez     | Strickland  |
| Mollohan      | Roemer        | Stump       |
| Moran (KS)    | Rogan         | Stupak      |
| Moran (VA)    | Rogers        | Sununu      |
| Morella       | Rohrabacher   | Talent      |
| Murtha        | Ros-Lehtinen  | Tanner      |
| Myrick        | Rothman       | Tauscher    |
| Nadler        | Roukema       | Tauzin      |
| Neal          | Roybal-Allard | Taylor (MS) |
| Nethercutt    | Royce         | Taylor (NC) |
| Neumann       | Ryun          | Thomas      |
| Ney           | Sabo          | Thompson    |
| Northup       | Salmon        | Thornberry  |
| Norwood       | Sanchez       | Thune       |
| Nussle        | Sanders       | Thurman     |
| Oberstar      | Sandlin       | Tiahrt      |
| Obey          | Sanford       | Tierney     |
| Olver         | Sawyer        | Torres      |
| Ortiz         | Saxton        | Towns       |
| Owens         | Scarborough   | Trafficant  |
| Oxley         | Schaefer, Dan | Turner      |
| Packard       | Schaffer, Bob | Upton       |
| Pallone       | Scott         | Velazquez   |
| Pappas        | Sensenbrenner | Vento       |
| Parker        | Serrano       | Visclosky   |
| Pascrell      | Sessions      | Walsh       |
| Paxon         | Shadegg       | Wamp        |
| Payne         | Shaw          | Waters      |
| Pease         | Shays         | Watkins     |
| Pelosi        | Sherman       | Watt (NC)   |
| Peterson (MN) | Shimkus       | Watts (OK)  |
| Peterson (PA) | Shuster       | Waxman      |
| Petri         | Sisisky       | Weldon (FL) |
| Pickering     | Skaggs        | Weldon (PA) |
| Pickett       | Skeen         | Weller      |
| Pitts         | Slaughter     | Wexler      |
| Pombo         | Smith (MI)    | Weygand     |
| Pomeroy       | Smith (NJ)    | White       |
| Porter        | Smith (OR)    | Whitfield   |
| Portman       | Smith (TX)    | Wicker      |
| Poshard       | Smith, Adam   | Wise        |
| Price (NC)    | Smith, Linda  | Wolf        |
| Pryce (OH)    | Snowbarger    | Woolsey     |
| Quinn         | Snyder        | Wynn        |
| Radanovich    | Solomon       | Yates       |
| Rahall        | Souder        | Young (FL)  |

## NAYS—3

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| Bateman | LaHood | Paul |
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## NOT VOTING—10

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| Becerra     | Pastor  | Skelton    |
| Blagojevich | Rush    | Young (AK) |
| Gutierrez   | Schiff  |            |
| Hefner      | Schumer |            |

□ 1828

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 124, I was detained at a meeting with Mr. Bob Nash of the White House personnel office. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

## SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. HULSHOF] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HULSHOF addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

REPUBLICAN TACTICS HURT  
WEAKEST OF OUR CITIZENS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. HILLIARD] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, this week the Republican Congress will officially take food out of the mouths of babies when they follow the lead of the House Committee on Appropriations. Last week this Republican-controlled committee cut the women, infants and children nutrition program. If the Congress follows their lead, many poor, helpless, underrepresented and overly persecuted American citizens will be without the necessities of life.

Mr. Speaker, the full House of Representatives will soon vote on this bill which, if passed, will cause a cut in WIC nutrition programs of 180,000 women, infants and children who would have to go without food and medicine. These proposed cuts in this program are not fancy frills, but basic staples of life: food and medicine.

I understand the desire of certain Members of this Congress who believe in cutting programs to balance the budget. However, let me assure my colleagues that this is one of the most noble Federal programs that we have ever funded.

Mr. Speaker, I would understand the opposition if the WIC Program were a typical pork barrel project, but it is not. It is not even the equivalent of the recent legislative luxuries proposed by the Republican's own plan to grant a monstrously large and obscene tax break for the Nation's most wealthy.

The WIC Program allocates nothing but bottom line necessities of life: food, nutritious programs and, yes, medicine, the very essential necessities of life.

What on Earth could be objectionable about these programs? It is not a program for the able, it is not a program that feeds foreign kids. It is a program that feeds hungry children here in America. It is a program that protects pregnant women here in America. It is a program that benefits Americans.

Mr. Speaker, these infants who are on the WIC Program do not need to be hurt or harassed by this Congress. They need help. Not only is the House Committee on Appropriations' decision cruel and unusual, but it is ill-advised.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priority, their executive director, Mr. Robert Greenstein stated:

The Appropriation Committee's decision to allow WIC participation levels to be cut by 180,000 low-income women, children and infants is extremely ill-advised.

□ 1845

To agree with cutbacks to the number of poor women and children who

are aided in what is probably known as the singly most successful program which is run in any level of our government is hard to understand.

It may be hard for him to understand, but those of us who have been around in politics for a while understand the realities of the Republican strategy: To take the food out of the mouths of those 180,000 men and women, little kids, to give a tax break, once again, to the wealthy.

My friends on the radical Republican side of this Congress are misjudging, once again, the American people, as they did with the Medicare and Medicaid cuts of last year. I do not believe our citizens will sit by while the service of big business and the wealthy, the Republicans, send 180,000 poor people into the streets begging for food and medical care. It should not happen here in America.

How many more children must suffer before we retain the moral conscience of our Nation? How many more babies must cry through the night before we remember the golden rule? How many more mothers will go full term through a pregnancy without seeing a physician?

The weak, the poor, the least of those in our society are those we should always protect. It is the cornerstone of our Nation to look out for those who are lost and those who are least able to fend for themselves. If we have feelings, if we are compassionate, if we have a heart, we will take care of our young. Please vote to take care of the infants, the pregnant women, and the little kids.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. NEUMANN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. NEUMANN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

DEMOCRATS LAUNCH HEALTH  
PLAN FOR CHILDREN, WHILE  
GOP LEADERS DENY CHILDREN  
BASIC NUTRITION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, last month Democrats urged Republican leaders to move forward on legislation to help provide health care coverage for America's uninsured children by Mother's Day. Instead of developing a plan for the more than 10 million uninsured children, Republican leaders have been outspoken in denying milk, formula, and other basic nutrition needs for approximately 180,000 children in the Women, Infants and Children, or WIC Program, that my colleague from Alabama just previously spoke about.

Since the Republicans have failed in developing a plan to assist the Nation's